Irrigation projects in Karnataka

2047. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought a loan of more than Rs. 540.00 crores from the centre due to paucity of funds, to complete several irrigation projects pending completion for long;

(b) whether the work on 40 major irrigation projects has been held up in Karnataka for want of funds;

(c) whether the proposal from the State Government of Karnataka under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been vetted by the Central Water Commission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government of Karnataka has sought Central Loan Assistance (CLA) of Rs. 458.42 crore under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for the year 2004-05, for execution of 5 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects.

(b) In the State of Karnataka 42 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects are at various stages of execution, out of which 5 major and 3 medium projects have been receiving CLA under AIBP from 1996-97. The remaining ongoing irrigation projects are being implemented within the resources of the States.

(c) and (d) The Central Water Commission has recommended CLA of Rs. 450.213 crore under AIBP for 5 ongoing irrigation projects of Karnataka.

Golden Sea Chain

2048. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any plan to develop a

Golden Sea Chain along India's coastline with the help of private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by which the proposed Golden Sea Chain is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Irrigation of Cultivable Land

†2049. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Government's Plan for irrigating cultivable land throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that many projects sent by Madhya Pradesh Government are pending with Central Government for clearance; and

(c) the details thereof, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Irrigation being a State subject, all types of irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments from their own Plan allocations and according to their own priorities. However, the Government of India, with a view to accelerate completion of ongoing major/ medium irrigation projects, provides financial assistance to the States under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under the programme, 181 ongoing major/medium projects of different State have received Rs. 14839.67 crore.

(b) and (c) Out of 8 proposals in respect of major projects received by the Central Water Commission from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, 5 projects are under different stages of appraisal and 2 projects have been accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to compliance of a few observations and the remaining 1 projects has been recommended to the Planning Commission for investment clearance. Details are given in the Statement.

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